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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Non-Final Official Action dated September 20, 2005 in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees listed in 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

No additional fee is required.

Yours very truly,

NIKOLAI & MERSEREAU, P.A.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a non-final Official Action dated September 20, 2005, which carried the normal shortened-statutory period for response of three months so that a reply is due by December 20, 2005.

It is requested that the following amendments to the claims be entered:

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